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SUBJECT: STRIKE ENDS AT U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES

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1. THE STRIKE BY EMPLOYEES AT US MILITARY FACILITIES
IN GREECE WHICH BEGAN FEBRURY 17 (REFTEL) ENDED TODAY,
MARCH 15.
2. UNION MEMBERS VOTED MARCH 14 TO RETURN TO WORK
FOLLOWING A STATEMENT ON MARCH 10 BY THE MINISTRY OF
DEFENSE THAT A SPECIAL COMMITTEE, IN WHICH THE UNION
WOULD BE REPRESENTED, HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED TO EXAMINE
THE WORKERS' COMPLAINTS. THE STATMENT ALSO EXPRESSED
THE HOPE THAT CONDITIONS WOULD PERMIT THE REVOCATION OF
RECENT DISMISSALS OF A NUMBER OF GREEK EMPLOYEES. THE
UNION HAD DEMANDED THEIR REINSTATEMENT DURING A
MEETING WITH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE REPRESENTATIVES
ON MARCH 7.

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3. COMMENT: THE GOG HAS NOT INFORMED US AS YET IN
ANY DETAIL ABOUT THE MANDATE OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.
THE FERENCE TO ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN THE MINISTRY'S
STATEMENT PERMITTED THE UNION TO "SUSPEND" THE
STRIKE, ALTHOUGH ITS MEMBERS AUTHORIZED THE UNION
LEADERSHIP TO RESUME IT IF THEIR DEMANDS ARE NOT MET.

4. WITH THE END OF THIS LARGER STRIKE WE ARE FACED BY
ANOTHER ONE CALLED BY THE 21-MAN UNION AT THE US NAVE
FACILITY AT SOUDA BAY. THE PRINCIPAL ISSUE IN THIS
CASE IS FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ARBITRATION COURT
AWARD OF A 63 PERCENT WAGE INCREASE WHICH HAS BEEN APPEALED TO
THE COUNCIL OF STATE, GREECE'S HIGHEST ADMINISTRATIVE
COURT, WHICH IS CONSIDERING THE CASE AT PRESENT. MCCLOSKEY

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